



## **Go Utah Legislative Update - HB 348 Pivot**

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## 2021 HB 348

### Representative Hawkes

### Senator Millner

#### Key Elements:

1. Changed the name of our office;
2. Provided a key pivot away from just incentives to planning;
3. Established 3 new offices;
4. Created the Utah Economic Opportunity Commission



Utah Governor's Office *of*  
Economic Opportunity



## New Offices

- Broadband Center
- Regulatory Relief Office
- Utah Immigration Assistance Center

## Utah Economic Opportunity Commission

### Key Elements:

- Creation of a new Commission with the scope of convening on the topics critical to the state's economy;
- Review and develop a new economic strategy for the state
- Align economic efforts and incentive programs;
- Support USHE, USBE and Industry as we align education and industry;
- Establish subcommittees that serve as conveners to facilitate policy development;
- First meeting will be June 30<sup>th</sup>.





## Go Utah Subcommittee

- Reconsider Go Utah incentives;
- 10-year economic strategy development (*Oct. 2021 Due Date*).

## Talent Subcommittee

- Support CTE/WBL learning in grades 6 through 12;
- Develop a plan to provide affordable tech college access for to all Utah citizens;
- Develop longitudinal data mechanisms to align higher education programs with future industry needs;
- Review licensure requirements.



## Incentive and Growth Alignment Subcommittee:

- State and local tax increment incentive alignment;
- Economic and transportation growth coordination planning (*Community Design*);
- Ad Hoc initiative to study near-term spending with long-term infrastructure (*GOMB led*);
- Support the Your Utah/Your Future process;
- Develop two key policies with the Commission on Housing Affordability.



### **International Working Group:**

- Develop a unified state international strategy that ensures international engagement benefits Utah families and individuals and directly supports the state's economic development efforts.

### **Rural Economic Working Group:**

- Rural programs centralization;
- Rural infrastructure (EV, Power, broadband, etc.);
- Positive economic growth based on locally developed strategies.

### **Multicultural Economic Empowerment Working Group:**

- Lower the unemployment rate, raise wages for persons of color;
- Focus education/training opportunities to multi-cultural and underserved schools.



Questions?

